

Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund Evaluation of a Proposal for the Development of a Tangible Structure, Facility or Educational Program

Project Number: 1206-12

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Title: L) Saxis Fishing Pier Expansion

The Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund is to be used solely for the purpose of conserving and enhancing finfish taken by recreational anglers, enforcing laws and regulations related to natural resource conservation, improving recreational fishing opportunities, administering the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament program, obtaining necessary data and conducting research for fisheries management, and creating or restoring habitat for species taken by recreational fishermen.

Code of Virginia, Section 28.2-302.3

A. Project Purpose

1. Does the project meet statutory guidelines for funding?

The additional fishing opportunity provided by this pier seems to meet the saltwater fishing guideline, and possibly educational and conservation efforts as well.

2. Does the project fulfill a real need and/or provide a substantial benefit to the saltwater recreational fishery?

I don't feel that I'm qualified to answer this question.

3. Does the project provides its main, or substantial, benefits to the saltwater recreational angler?

By enhancing the different species of fish available to be caught as a result of extending the pier another 200' certainly seems to benefit the user(s).

B. Project Analysis

1. What are the project's strengths?

Providing additional fishing opportunity and enhancing the species of fish available at the extended distance is probably going to invite additional use (more license sales).

2. What are the project's weaknesses?

I would really feel more comfortable providing comment if I was provided the Plans of the pier to be expanded. I have some concern about preliminary soundings to know the actual water depth at 300'+, if there will be sufficient parking available for the expanded facility, and if the C.O.E. is going to look favorable at extending the pier another 200' towards the channel.

C. Project Budget

1. Is the budget realistic and reasonable for 1) the size and type of project proposed; 2) the number of people likely to benefit; and, 3) the area benefiting from the project considering the area's number of saltwater fishermen and license sales?

I think the budget is in the ballpark, however, I also think there should be about 10% budgeted for contingencies, oversights and change-orders.

2. What is the local commitment to the project (cost sharing, future management and maintenance, in-kind commitments of personnel, etc.)?

D. Provide an overall evaluation of the project, including a numerical ranking of the project on the "SCORE" scale provided.

My overall opinion is incomplete. Without seeing the plans and other items mentioned earlier, I have some reservation as to the benefit of this project. That being said, I don't have a definite evaluation of the project.

SCORE (Circle One)	Poor						Fair						Excellent
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		